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TO

BEAU FRIEDLANDER

December 9, 1998

Dear Beau:

Do NOT act on the assumption that I will sign your contract soon. You write that time is of the essence. Unfortunately, however, some things are possible and others are not. There are two good reasons why it will probably be a little while before I can sign a contract with you:

(1) Professor Bonnie (who, as I believe Michael Mello has already informed you, is the attorney who has agreed to represent me on a provisional basis) has cautioned me not to sign any contract with a publisher until I have his approval. (He's not concerned with the content of the contract, but with the content of the book and the timing of its publication.) I'm not going to risk losing Bonnie's representation by flouting his advice.

If you want to expedite matters, or at least get some idea from Bonnie as to when he is likely to let me sign the contract, I have no objection to your contacting him!

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(2) I am simply swamped with things to do. I just can't keep up, and I have to take care of

the most urgent matters first. Right now there is the Greenberg problem, which I think will require delicate handling and the writing of several letters by me; and there is the mail problem, which may turn out to be difficult and may demand a good deal of my time. (Long ago I asked the ADX authorities to let me omit my name from my return address and they refused. They are very rigid about their regulations.) So I just don't know when I'll be able to study the contract and your answers to my questions ~~about~~ about it.

Repeatedly it has ~~happened~~ happened that I've said to myself, "Today I'll do that contract," and then one or more important letters arrive that demand immediate attention and a prompt answer.

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You suggest that I show the book contract to legal counsel for ~~review~~ review. I think that's a splendid idea. Can you suggest legal counsel to whom I can show it? I sent a copy of the contract to Quin Denver and Judy Clarke, and they declined to advise me with respect to it, ~~because~~ on the very reasonable grounds that they have no experience with the publishing business and no expertise in that area of law. Bonnie probably has no expertise in that area either, and moreover he has repeatedly complained of being excessively busy, so I don't want to risk discouraging him from representing me by throwing unnecessary burdens on him. Mello would probably disqualify himself from reviewing my contract on grounds of conflict of interest.

I have sent a copy of the contract to a correspondent of mine. She's not an attorney, but she's very experienced in the publishing business, and she has reviewed the contract and given me her comments on it. She says it's a pretty good contract on the whole. I'm prepared to rely on her and my judgment about the contract and dispense with legal counsel. So I don't think there will be any serious problem about signing the contract once I get Bonnie's okay and find time to go over the details again myself.

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I did receive your letter dated November 23, but I think not until some time in December. Even longer delays are not unusual, but apart from delays in delivery I've had no problems with incoming mail. But at least five pieces of my outgoing mail have disappeared. As long as I'm on that subject again, I'll mention that it would be very helpful to me in making a case with the prison authorities if you would give me full details about all the pieces of mail you've received from me that appear to have been tampered with: date of the letter, postmark date, nature of the damage, and (when possible) date of arrival.

Anyway, until the mail problem is resolved, I think it would be best if I send all my letters to you by certified mail. I can't well afford the cost of this myself, so it looks as if I'll have to take ~~advantage~~ advantage after all of the offer of money that you made in your letter of Nov. 30. But please

don't send me any money ~~to~~ yet. I'll wait until I've sent you a few certified letters and then I'll ask you to reimburse me for the cost. Please let me know if this is alright with you.

Earlier, in <sup>one of</sup> my Nov. 30 letters, I gave you a list of ~~all the letters~~ the dates of all the letters I'd sent you through Nov. 29. To extend this list to the present, I've sent you letters dated

Aug 27, 1998	Nov 1	Nov. 30
Sept 15	" 3	Dec. 4
" 27	Mailed Nov. 3: <sup>comments</sup> on contract	" 7
Oct 9	Nov 9	* Mailed Dec. 2: <sup>New copy of</sup> <sup>comment</sup> on contract
" 21	" 13	
" 26	" 19	
" 27	" 29	

\* Contains a note dated Nov. 30, but this is not the same as the letter of Nov 30 listed earlier.

Mailed Dec. 9. Copy of my Dec. 8 letter to Green-

Please let me know whether any of these letters have <sup>been</sup> failed to arrive.

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Regarding photos — I don't care whether any photos appear in the book or not. I'm sending the photos for your benefit, since I assume they will improve sales of the book. You can select the ones you want to use. As for what you can do to procure photos by proxy, I've already mentioned a couple of things in earlier letters ( , Quin Denvir). You can also contact the Sacramento Bee for permission to use the photos of my brother that appeared in their January 19, 1997 issue. If you

want to use <sup>other</sup> previously published photos, there were many that appeared in media articles about me, and you would know better than I how to track down the copyright-holders of those. I imagine my brother or my mother may still have some unpublished photos, and — not yet, but at some later time — we can approach them about those. My brother probably won't cooperate, but my mother may.

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As for dealing with Greenberg, that's a problem about which I'll want to consult lawyers, but meanwhile I think we should handle it in as low-keyed and diplomatic a way as possible. So, in any contacts you may have with Greenberg, I would appreciate it if you would be as polite and friendly as you can, but don't give him any information of any kind. However, hold out to him the hope that we may resume giving him information if and when present doubts and concerns have been resolved.

I should explain, by the way, that after receiving on Dec. 8 two letters ~~to Greenberg~~ from Greenberg in which he explained in an apparently satisfactory way the issues I raised in my letter to him of Nov. 28, I wrote him a letter dated Dec. 8 in which I told him that I found his explanations completely satisfactory and ~~also~~ apologized for having drawn hasty conclusions. I assumed that his explanations were completely truthful, because he knew I would be able to check his answers with Mello.

However, immediately after sending off my

December 8 letter to Greenberg (and a copy of it to you), I received a letter from Mello<sup>dated Dec. 7</sup> that disputes much of what Greenberg told me. So I'm now more mistrustful of Greenberg than ever. But please don't mention this to Greenberg. I think it's best to let my apology to him stand at least until I've decided what steps to take next.

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You wrote: "Regarding Mello's book, I am concerned that it might be taking your attention away from more pressing matters. I am perfectly capable of checking the citations you are currently referencing, were I to possess the material in question." I'm certain that you are, were you to possess the material in question. But, <sup>most of</sup> the citations I'm checking are to documents that I think you do not possess (e.g., my letters to Mello), and that I think Professor Bonnie would not want me to give you at this time. Hence I have to do the checking myself.

Moreover, some of Mello's errors have to do with personal information about me that you would have no means of checking. Only I am in a position to make those corrections.

Before beginning to feed information to Mello, I made an informal agreement with him according to which I had the right to check his manuscript for errors, and I think I had best exercise that right.

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There remain other points in your letter of

Dec. 5 that I have to answer, but they'll have to wait until later. I just don't have time for them now.

Season's greetings and  
Best regards,

Ted Kaczynski